



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of November 10, 2014

### Minutes

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:	Kenita V. Barrow, Chair Claudia Herbert Steve Rosen
Staff Members:	Robert W. Cobb, Chief Counsel Kelly Uhas, Program Specialist
Visitor:	Bobby John, DTS Contractor

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Item 2. Bobby John demonstrated the new outside employment approval system. He showed how requests would be made, forwarded, reviewed by superiors, reviewed by Agency heads (or forwarded to others first), and then presented for approval to the Ethics Commission. The Commission thought the system looked good and would be beneficial to Commission operations.

In connection with the system, the Commission considered the imposition of a time limit for effectiveness of Commission approvals. Under the current system it was noted that approvals can be of indefinite duration. This has created some administrative issues in terms of management of approval documents (which under the system had to be retained as, in effect, active files, in perpetuity). The Commission considered different time periods that would be appropriate for a limit and decided that 3 years should be the maximum amount of time an approval should be effective. Individual agencies could prescribe shorter periods.

The Commission appreciated the presentation from Mr. John and thanked him for his work. Mr. John then left the meeting.

Item 3. The minutes from the 10/14/2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 4. Robert Cobb gave an overview of the status of the pending ethics legislation and described the process for roll-out of the 2015 lobbying registration and annual financial disclosure requirements. As regards potential areas for legislative change, the Commission reiterated that Cobb should seek to divorce the Ethics Commission from the process for approving outside employment for police.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert W. Cobb